

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy of meeting with the undersigned on December 4, 2006.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claim 1 is pending. Claim 1 was amended, claims 2-4 were cancelled and claims 5-86 were withdrawn, without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue cancelled and/or withdrawn subject matter in continuing applications.

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Further, the amendments and remarks presented herein are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, the amendments and remarks are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

No fee is believed due for consideration of this paper. If any fee, however is deemed necessary, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2525.

II. STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b)

A personal interview was conducted on December 4, 2006, between Examiner Duk Truong and Applicant's undersigned attorney. The statement regarding the substance of the interview in the Examiner's Interview Summary (PTOL-413) handed to Applicant's attorney is accurate and complete. If the Examiner believes there are any remaining issues, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney is respectfully solicited.

III. 35 U.S.C. §§ 102/103 REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Chem Abstract 111:97914 ("Chem Abstract"); and claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C.

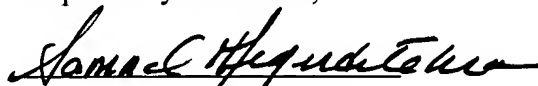
§103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the Chem Abstract. Although Applicant disagrees with the rejections, the amendments to the claims render the rejection moot.

Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 102 and 103 rejections based on the preceding Chem Abstract document are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks herewith, the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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